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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT NOON BRIEFING

FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S ARE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S NOON  
PRESS BRIEFING (TRATTNER): AUGUST 1:

Q. CAN YOU SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON REPORTS THAT THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED TWO AMERICAN FIRMS GOING TO  
EGYPT TO FIT MIG JETS?

A. I HAVEN'T GOT ANY COMMENT ON THOSE STORIES.

Q. NO COMMENT?

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Q. WHY IS THAT?

Q. THE NO COMMENT ON THIS, IS IT BECAUSE IT IS A MATTER  
OF SUCH GREAT SECRECY, OR IS IT BECAUSE THE PLANS ARE NOT  
YET COMPLETE?

A. I'M GOING TO LIMIT MYSELF TO THAT, WHAT I'VE SAID

MURREY, I'M NOT ABLE TO GO BEYOND IT.

Q. IT'S AN UNUSUAL CASE BECAUSE IT'S NOT A MATTER OF NEGOTIATIONS OF A NORMAL NATURE ON THE SUBJECT OF SENSITIVITY, IT'S A REPORT CONCERNING A CONTRACT I WOULD ASSUME.

THIS PRESUMABLY WOULD BE A COMMERCIAL TYPE OF TRANSACTION, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ON WHAT BASIS THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS INVOKING A DISCLAIMER TO DISCUSS IT.

A. WELL, I NOTE YOUR POINT, MURREY, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO STICK WITH WHAT I'VE SAID.

Q. IS IT SOMETHING THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME LATER COMMENT ON, OR IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT JUST GOING TO SIT SILENT ON THE ISSUE?

A. WELL, FOR RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO SAY THAT I HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE STORIES THAT I WAS ASKED ABOUT.

Q. WOULD YOUR ADMINISTRATION OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO AMERICAN FIRMS HELPING THE EGYPTIAN AIRFORCE TO REHABILITATE ITSELF WITH OTHER COUNTRIES EQUIPMENT?

A. AGAIN, I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU A NO COMMENT ANSWER ON THAT STORY. "IN PRINCIPLE" IS  
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ALMOST NEXT DOOR TO A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION "IF," AND I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO SPECULATE ON IT EVEN IN PRINCIPLE.

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